CIVIL CONTINGENCIES.

RETURN to so much of an Order of The Honourable the House of Commons, dated 15 June 1852, *as requires*—

RETURN "of the Particulars of the Manner in which £.2,000 was Expended in *Ireland* in obtaining STATISTICAL INFORMATION relative to the AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE of *Ireland;* and Copy of the ORDER under which the Inquiry is conducted, and an ABSTRACT of the INFORMATION collected."

AGRICULTURAL INQUIRY, 1850.

1.—PARTICULARS of the Manner in which £.2,000 was Expended in *Ireland* in obtaining STATISTICAL INFORMATION relative to the AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE of *Ireland.*

	£.	s.	d.
1st. Salaries of Clerks employed on Office Work - -	1,007	13	–
2d. Wages of Taskworkers employed classifying Farms, &c., paid by piecework - - - - - - -	909	9	3
3d. Extra Expenses incurred by the Constabulary while employed collecting the Returns - - - -	116	14	11
4th. Carriage of Parcels - - - - - - -	36	8	6
£.	2,070	5	8

2.—COPY of the ORDER under which the Inquiry was conducted.

Mr. *Redington* to Mr. *Trevelyan.*

Sir, Dublin Castle, 22 July 1847.

I AM directed by the Lord Lieutenant to state, for the consideration of the Lords of the Treasury, that his Excellency feels strongly impressed with the importance of causing accurate statistical information to be procured with reference to the condition, nature, and extent of Agricultural Produce in Ireland at the present season, and is desirous that measures for obtaining it should be taken without delay.

It is considered that this can be most effectually done by the Constabulary, in their respective districts, through whose agency similar inquiries have hitherto been conducted both in taking the decimal Census, and on other occasions.

His Excellency therefore requests their Lordships will sanction the necessary expenditure, which is not estimated to exceed 4,000 *l.* The vast importance of obtaining precise information relative to the produce of this country at the present time, in the opinion of his Excellency, both justifies and necessitates this outlay.

TREASURY MINUTE, dated 23 July 1847, on the foregoing.

WRITE to Mr. Redington, and request that he will state to the Lord Lieutenant that their Lordships concur in the view which his Excellency has taken of the importance of procuring, at the present time, accurate statistical information in regard to the condition, nature, and extent of Agricultural Produce in Ireland; and they are pleased to authorize an expenditure for this purpose not exceeding 4,000 *l*

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With the sum thus provided, the Agricultural Returns of 1847 and 1848 were completed. Subsequently a sum of 2,000*l.* was appropriated for the Returns of 1849, and another sum of 2,000*l.* for the year 1850, all out of Civil Contingencies. On the whole amount, a balance now remains of 23*l.* 3*s.* 5*d.*

The Returns of 1851 are in process of compilation by the Census Commissioners in connection with that work, and the Expense will appear as a charge upon Civil Contingencies in next year's Account.

3.—ABSTRACT of the INFORMATION collected.

THE Abstracts have been printed, and presented to both Houses of Parliament annually, by command of Her Majesty, headed "Returns of Agricultural Produce in Ireland."

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 25 June 1852.

Thos. A. Larcom.

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(*Mr. Hume.*)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,* 30 *June* 1852.

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